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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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Read:the following papers:-

G.O.Ms.No.28, Revenue, dated 5th January 1949.
Government Memorandum No.68638-L/49-1, dated 2nd December 1949.
Reference from the Board of Revenue, S-E-(C) No.1267/50-10, dated the 10th July 1951.

ORDER:--No.3555, Revenue, dated 31st Dece, ~~ber~~ 1951.

The Government accept the suggestion of the Board of Revenue that permission may be granted under section 3(2) of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXVII of 1949), for punam or kumri cultivation as the case may be in Malabar and Sout Kanara districts, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) No land within two chains of a stream bank or within fiv chains of reserved land or reserved forest shall be cleared or brought under cultivation;

(ii) no reserved tree shall be cut, scorched or burnt;

(iii) only lands containing no tree-growth or sparse tree growth shall be cleared and cultivated;

(iv) no land in steep slopes should be cleared and cultivated and

(v) only lands which had been under punam or kumri cultivati within ten years prior to the year in which they are sought to be cultivated should be cleared.

2. The attention of the Board of Revenue is invited to paragraph 8 of its reference read above and it is informed that the proposal regarding the application fee to be collected from the cultivators involves the amendment of rule 6 of the rules issued in G.O.No. 2457, Development, dated 9th May, 1949. The question is being examined separately and orders on it will be issued in due course from Development Department.

3. The recommendation of the Board of Revenue to empower Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to grant permission to actual cultivators under section 3(2) of the Madras Preservation of private Forest Act to clear up three acres of forests by each individual for punam or kumri cultivation involves the amendment of that act. But that Act will itself be repealed when the Madras Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1951, which has beem introduced in the Assembly and referred to a Select Committee, becomes law. The Board of Revenue is, therefor informed that no action is now being taken on its proposal to empowe Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to grant permission under section 3(2) of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act for punam, and kumri cultivation. The matter may be further reported to the Government, if necessary, after the Madras Forest (Amendment)Bill, 1951, becomes law.

/By Order of His Excellency the Governor/
S.K.Chettur,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Board of Revenue(Settlement of Estates)
The Development Department(with extract of noted)

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